

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method of identifying a server from a client terminal having a browser, a memory device and a processor, said server and said client terminal being connectable with each other via a communications network, comprising the steps of:

- a) transmitting a first request packet from said browser to said server;
- b) receiving the first request packet at said server and transmitting therefrom server specific information to said browser, indicating a server in which shared data file is maintained;
- c) receiving said server specific information at said browser and invoking said processor to hand over the received information to the processor;
- d) transmitting a second request packet from the processor to a server specified by the received server specific information;
- e) receiving the second request packet at the specified server and transmitting therefrom said shared data file to said processor, and storing the transmitted shared data file in said memory device; and
- f) transmitting a third request packet from said processor to the specified server and transmitting therefrom to said processor differential data representing a difference between ~~the~~ a said shared data file currently maintained by the specified server and the shared data file ~~stored in said memory device~~ that was transmitted in step (c) from the specified server to said processor.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said network includes a cache memory, and wherein said second request packet contains an identifier identifying said shared data file, said identifier being determined for each access from said processor to said server so

that the shared data file identified by said identifier does not coincide with data stored in said cache memory.

4. (Currently Amended) A method of identifying a server from a client terminal having a browser, a memory device and a processor, said server and said client terminal being connectable with each other via a communications network, comprising the steps of:

- a) transmitting a first request packet from said browser to said server;
- b) receiving the first request packet at said server and transmitting therefrom server specific information to said browser, indicating a server in which shared data file is maintained;
- c) receiving said server specific information at said browser and storing the received information; d) invoking the processor and transmitting a second request packet therefrom to a server specified by the stored server specific information;
- e) receiving the second request packet at the specified server and transmitting therefrom said shared data file to said processor, and storing the transmitted shared data file in said memory device; and
- f) transmitting a third request packet from said processor to the specified server and transmitting therefrom to said processor differential data representing a difference between ~~the~~ a said shared data file currently maintained by the specified server and the shared data file stored in said memory device that was transmitted in step (c) from the specified server to said processor.

5. (Cancelled).

6. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein said network includes a cache memory, and wherein said second request packet contains an identifier identifying said shared data file, said identifier being determined for each access from said processor to said server so

that the shared data file identified by said identifier does not coincide with data stored in said cache memory.

7. (Currently Amended) A client-server system comprising:

a communications network;

a server connected to the network; and

a client terminal connected to the network, the client terminal having a processor, a memory device and a browser, the browser transmitting a first request packet to said server;

said server being responsive to said first request packet for transmitting a server specific information to said browser for indicating a server in which shared data file is maintained,

said browser being responsive to said server specific information for invoking said processor to hand over the received information thereto,

said processor being responsive to the received information for transmitting a second request packet to a server specified by the received information and being configured to store the shared data file from said specified server in said memory device and transmit a third request packet to the specified server, and

the specified server being responsive to the second request packet for transmitting a said shared data file to said processor and being ~~configured to transmit~~ responsive to said third request packet for transmitting to the processor differential data representing a difference between ~~the~~ a said shared data file currently maintained by the specified server and the shared data file ~~stored in said memory device~~ that was transmitted in response to said second request packet.

8. (Cancelled).

9. (Original) The client-server system of claim 7, wherein said network includes a cache memory, and wherein said second request packet contains an identifier identifying said shared data file, wherein said processor is configured to determine said identifier for each access from the processor to said server so that the shared data file identified by said identifier does not coincide with data stored in said cache memory.

10. (Original) The client-server system of claim 7, wherein said server is configured to receive server specific information from another server of the network and transmits the received server specific information to said browser.

11. (Currently Amended) A client-server system comprising:

a communications network;

a server connected to the network; and

a client terminal connected to the network, the client terminal having a processor, a memory device and a browser, the browser transmitting a first request packet to said server;

said server being responsive to said first request packet for transmitting a server specific information to said browser for indicating a server in which shared data file is maintained,

said browser receiving said server specific information and storing the received information and invoking said processor,

said processor reading the stored information and transmitting a second request packet to a server specified by the stored information and being configured to store the shared

data file from said specified server in said memory device and transmit a third request packet to the specified server, and

the specified server being responsive to the second request packet for transmitting a said shared data file to said processor and being ~~configured to transmit~~ responsive to said third request packet for transmitting to the processor differential data representing a difference between ~~the~~ a said shared data file maintained by the specified server and the shared data file ~~stored in said memory device~~ that was transmitted in response to said second request packet.

12. (Cancelled).

13. (Original) The client-server system of claim 11, wherein said network includes a cache memory, and wherein said second request packet contains an identifier identifying said shared data file, wherein said processor is configured to determine said identifier for each access from the processor to said server so that the shared data file identified by said identifier does not coincide with data stored in said cache memory.

14. (Original) The client-server system of claim 11, wherein said server is configured to receive server specific information from another server of the network and transmits the received server specific information to said browser.